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## Annual Free Tax Assistance Program Kicks off Tomorrow at Pikes Peak United Way

**Colorado Springs, CO, January 25, 2019** – Tax season is underway, and Pikes Peak United Way is once again providing free income tax help to individuals who may qualify for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Now through April 15, trained volunteers at six local sites will help bring millions of dollars to working people with low and moderate incomes. Individuals with annual incomes of less than \$55,000 may call 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment for free tax assistance. **We will be taking our first appointments on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at Pikes Peak United Way (518 N. Nevada Ave.).**

EITC refunds could mean a \$6,200 return, depending on family size and income. Millions of dollars in tax credits go unclaimed each year because people don't know about them or don't know how to apply for them. According to the IRS, many individuals qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) but cannot afford professional tax assistance. In 2018, our program saved low-income consumers \$300,000+ in tax preparation fees.

Our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program is a result of a collaboration between Pikes Peak United Way and the IRS. This program is possible because dozens of volunteers give their time each tax season.

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**About Pikes Peak United Way** Pikes Peak United Way works to advance the common good, creating opportunities for a better life for all by focusing on the three key quality of life building blocks - education, income and health. Pikes Peak United Way creates long-lasting community change by addressing the underlying causes that prevent progress in these areas. For more information about Pikes Peak United Way, please visit [ppunitedway.org](http://ppunitedway.org).